



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Hon. Sharpe James

FROM: Pamela E. Goldstein, Communication Manager *peg*

RE: Dedication of Monument for People Who Were Buried at NJPAC Site

DATE: Wednesday, June 10, 1999

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On Friday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a ceremony at the New Jersey Performing Arts Ceremony dedicating a monument to the memory of those individuals who were buried in the former Trinity Cathedral Burial grounds that were cleared to make way for the center. (You are well aware of the controversy over this issue.) The program will take place in front of the PAC just beyond the arch that was part of the old Military Park Hotel.

The NJPAC officials want to know if you will attend and give remarks. Also, they would like you to issue a proclamation to the Disbrow family, who traces their roots to Jupiter Desbrow, a freeman, who was buried in this cemetery. Some members of the Desbrow/Disbrow family still live in Newark. They trace their roots to the 18<sup>th</sup> century (1700's) and Jupiter Desbrow. This predates many of Newark's better known white families, who really didn't arrive until the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Please advise.